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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/526,815

**Applicant(s)**

BARRY, GERARD J

**Examiner**

MURIEL TINKLER

**Art Unit**

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24, 26-28 and 30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24, 26-28 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI-08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This application has been reviewed. Claims 1, 5-9, 11-15, 27 and 28 have been amended. Claims 25 and 29 have been cancelled. Claim 30 has been added. Therefore, claims 1-24, 26-28 and 30 are pending. The rejection(s) are as follows.

#### ***Response to Amendment***

1. The amendments to claims 1, 5-9, 11-15, 27 and 28 have been reviewed against the specification and accepted for examination. The amendments to these above mentioned claims have overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments filed June 19, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 15, 27 and 28 and added new claim 30. These amendments simply clarify the claims and do not necessitate a new grounds or rejection.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-11 and 14, 22, 25-28 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Prasad (EP 1058217), hereafter referred to as Prasad.

5. Regarding claims 1, 15 and 25-29, Prasad discloses: (see claim 4, figs. 1 and 3; Par. 0025-0087) a method, performed by a computer system (fulfillment center 20) having a network of terminals (ATMs), of transferring funds from a first payment cardholder (Sibling card 22) at a first merchant (ATM 26) to a second payment cardholder at a second merchant (ATM 28), said method comprising the steps of:

- a. receiving an indication from said first cardholder (Sibling card 22) at said first merchant that a transfer of funds is required to said second cardholder (Sibling card 24);
- b. generating a first payment card transaction at a networked terminal (ATM) between said first merchant (ATM 26) and said first cardholder (Sibling card 22), wherein said first payment card transaction is a first immediate (real time) transfer, debiting said funds from said first cardholder (Sibling card 22) and crediting said funds to said first merchant (ATM 26);
- c. generating a second payment card transaction at a networked terminal (ATM 28) between said second merchant and said second cardholder (Sibling card 24), wherein said second payment card transaction is a second immediate transfer, debiting said funds from said second merchant and crediting said funds to said second cardholder; and
- d. communicating said first and second payment card transactions to a host (fulfillment center 20) across said network.

6. Regarding claims 2 – 4, 16-18 and 22, see Prasad, claim 1; paragraphs [0043, 0064].
7. Regarding claim 5, see Prasad, fig. 4 and description.
8. Regarding claims 6 and 19, see Prasad, paragraph [0064] currency exchange module 46.
9. Regarding claims 7 and 20, see Prasad, claim 1.
10. Regarding claims 8 and 21, see Prasad, paragraph [0080].
11. Regarding claims 9-11 and 30, see Prasad, paragraph [0085].
12. Regarding claim 14 see Prasad, paragraph [0031].

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

13. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

14. Claims 12, 13, 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prasad as applied to claims 1 and 22 above, and further in view of Meyer et al. (US 2002/0128967), hereafter referred to as Meyer.
15. Regarding claims 12, 13, 23 and 24, Prasad discloses the information in claims 1 and 22. Prasad does not specifically disclose the act of identifying a suitable first/second merchant from details of the first/second cardholder. Meyer discloses the act of person-to-person money transfers using a unique barcode, an example of this is

discussed in paragraphs 27-29. Therefore, it would have been obvious to use the concepts of person-to-person money transfers as taught by Meyer in Prasad because it combines well known techniques transferring funds via (electronic mail).

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MURIEL TINKLER whose telephone number is (571)272-7976. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM until 3 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571)272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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